

Reasons to read on. Matthew 1:1-17

Wow!

The story of the LORD and the man He has chosen and sent

The story of Jesus, the Christ

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”

v. 1 A new creation [Genesis 2:4, 5:1]

A claim to universal significance

Christ [1 Sam. 10:1, 16:13; Ps. 2:2,]

Son of David [2 Sam. 7, [12-13, 16], Jer. 23:5-6, Is. 9:1-7, 11:1-10, 55:3; Ezk. 34:23, 37:24-25; Amos 9:11-12; Micah 5:2-5a]

2 Samuel 7: ¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

Psalms 2: ⁷ I will tell of the decree:

*The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.*

*⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.*

*⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”*

*Isaiah 9: and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

*Isaiah 11:*³ *And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.*

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴ *but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,*

and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ *Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,*

and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

⁶ *The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,*

and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,

and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;

and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ *The cow and the bear shall graze;*

their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ *The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,*

and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹ *They shall not hurt or destroy*

in all my holy mountain;

for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

Son of Abraham [Genesis 12:2-3, 15:4-6, 17:4-8, 18:18, 22:16-18]

*Genesis 12:*² *And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.* ³ *I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

*Matthew 3:*⁷ *But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"* ⁸ *Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.* ⁹ *And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.*

The genealogy

Genealogies

Deliberately structured and different

¹⁷ *So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.*

Focused on David and deportation

Joseph

Matthew 3:¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob,¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

A son to be the son – legal, not biological

Promising more

Jesus is someone to find out more about

The story of the LORD

Abraham and David – significant because of the LORD's choice and promises

A story of grace

A story of surprises - Unconventional women – Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba

We have this story because the LORD is the LORD, and He is determined to fulfill His promise, be the God He is.

The Story for you

The story foreshadowed in the genealogy

A reminder of Jesus' greatness

A reminder of God's faithfulness